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Biography

Gina Johansen is the Program Manager for Fish Safe in Vancouver, BC. Growing up in a small northern fishing town in Prince Rupert, BC, she followed in her father and grandfather's footsteps into the commercial fishing industry. She has owned and fished several seine vessels along the Pacific Coast in both the herring and salmon fisheries.

In addition to fishing she began a project management business in 1992 providing marketing and quality programs for the BC seafood industry. With her fishing and marketing experience she took on the role of BC's Fishing Industry Safety Coordinator in 2004.

In her role as Safety Coordinator she developed the Fish Safe Program with the goal to have fishermen take ownership of safety on board. This was accomplished by ensuring that all programs and tools are designed by and for the benefit of fishermen to both reduce injuries and fatalities in the fishing industry.

The Fish Safe Program has become internationally recognized for its unique fisherman driven programs such as the Fish Safe Stability Education Program and the Safest Catch.

Gina's passion for improving safety is driven by her own personal tragedy in the capsizing of her father's fishing 60ft fishing vessel in 1975. All 6 men on board including her father and uncle were lost at sea. This capsizing incident of a new fishing vessel with an experienced master and crew was the catalyst for the Federal and Provincial stability regulations that exist in Canada today.